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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1072

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuentes

February 18, 2011

An act to add Article 9 (commencing with Section 12092) to Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 3 of Title 1 of the Government Code, relating to community development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1072, as amended, Fuentes. Community development: California Promise Neighborhoods Initiative.

Existing law provides for various community development programs in the state.

Executive Order S-05-10 created the Office of Economic Development in the Governor's office, for the purpose of coordinating economic development activities in the state.

This bill would establish the California Promise Neighborhoods Initiative in the Office of Economic Development. It would require the office to establish 40 promise neighborhoods throughout the state, according to specified criteria, to maximize collective efforts within a community to improve the health, safety, education, and economic development of each neighborhood. It would require the office to use existing state resources and federal funds to implement these provisions, and authorize the office to accept financial support from other public or private sources for these purposes. *It would require cities, counties,*

and school districts electing to participate in the initiative to provide the office with specified information.

This bill would direct the Office of Economic Development to work with the California Health and Human Services Agency and counties to establish participation goals for specified programs, and it would also direct the office to explore methods for increasing participation rates. The bill would give cities, counties, schools, and school districts located in a promise neighborhood priority consideration for certain programs, grants, and funding.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares as
2 follows:

3 (a) California continues to endure an unprecedented economic
4 and educational crisis that will have continuing ramifications on
5 the health, safety, education, and economic development of the
6 most underserved communities.

7 (b) The Harlem Children's Zone in New York has demonstrated
8 the lasting benefits of developing a network of support services to
9 revitalize an entire community focusing on the social, health, and
10 educational development of children.

11 (c) The federal Promise Neighborhoods Initiative, inspired by
12 the Harlem Children's Zone, seeks to develop a cradle-to-career
13 pipeline of support services in specific neighborhoods that will
14 transform communities.

15 (d) Central to the development of the Harlem Children's Zone
16 and the federal Promise Neighborhoods Initiative has been the use
17 of data to drive real-time decisionmaking and program
18 improvement.

19 (e) More than 42 communities in California applied for the
20 federal Promise Neighborhoods Initiative grant. The three
21 California communities of Hayward, Pacoima, and Pico-Aliso
22 were among the 21 communities selected nationwide.

23 (f) Many of the communities that were not selected by the
24 federal government continue to work on developing community
25 plans, given that cross-community planning provides lasting

benefits in aligning and maximizing resources in a given community.

(g) Establishing a network of services to serve specific families breaks down many unnecessary barriers and silos in the effective delivery of programs and services.

(h) The alignment of local, state, and federal resources can maximize existing dollars and better serve specific communities.

SEC. 2. Article 9 (commencing with Section 12092) is added to Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 3 of Title 1 of the Government Code, to read:

Article 9. California Promise Neighborhoods Initiative

12092. (a) The California Promise Neighborhoods Initiative is hereby established in the Office of Economic Development in the Governor's office to develop a system of promise neighborhoods throughout the state to support children's development from cradle to career.

(b) (1) The purpose of the promise neighborhoods shall be to maximize collective efforts within a community to improve the health, safety, education, and economic development of each neighborhood.

(2) Participation by local agencies in the initiative shall be voluntary.

(c) Commencing July 2012, the office shall develop an application process for eligible entities to apply for sites to become promise neighborhoods pursuant to this article.

(d) (1) The office shall establish 40 promise neighborhoods by January 1, 2014. Except as provided in paragraph (2), the office shall select promise neighborhoods from applicants that meet eligibility criteria set forth in Section 12093, have developed cross community plans, and have established alignment of resources with local cities and counties.

(2) The three communities selected for the federal Promise Neighborhoods Initiative, Hayward, Pacoima, and Pico-Aliso, shall be included among the 40 promise neighborhoods established pursuant to paragraph (1).

(e) (1) The office shall work with the State Department of Education, the Employment Development Department, the California Health and Human Services Agency, the Business,

1 Transportation and Housing Agency, the California Children and
2 Families Commission, the California Community Colleges, the
3 California State University, the Student Aid Commission, the
4 Department of Parks and Recreation, and at its option, the
5 University of California, in implementing this article.

6 (2) The office shall work with the agencies described in
7 paragraph (1) to identify programs and opportunities for grants
8 suitable for prioritization in promise neighborhoods.

9 (f) The office shall work with promise neighborhood designees
10 to use the federal new markets tax credit program as an opportunity
11 to incentivize the creation of additional public-private partnerships
12 in promise neighborhoods.

13 (g) The office shall use existing state resources and available
14 federal funds to implement this article. If state or federal funds are
15 not available or sufficient, the office may apply for and accept
16 grants and receive donations, and other financial support from
17 public or private sources for purposes of this article.

18 12093. (a) A nonprofit organization that meets the
19 requirements of this section is eligible to apply for designation of
20 a neighborhood in which it operates as a promise neighborhood
21 pursuant to this article.

22 (b) An eligible applicant shall have at least all the following
23 partners as part of its application:

24 (1) Another community organization.

25 (2) A child development organization.

26 (3) A school district.

27 (4) A postsecondary institution.

28 (5) A city.

29 (6) A county.

30 (7) Business or industry.

31 (c) An eligible applicant shall have a cross-community plan.

32 (d) An eligible applicant shall establish geographic boundaries
33 for the promise neighborhood. The geographic area shall meet at
34 least all of the following criteria:

35 (1) Contain one or more high schools and feeder schools, and
36 have graduation rates below 70 percent.

37 (2) Have unemployment rates higher than the state as a whole.

38 (3) Have more than 25 percent of families with annual incomes
39 below fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

1 (e) If an eligible applicant's target area is located within a city,
2 county, or state receiving federal formula grants, the applicant
3 shall demonstrate that multiple sources of block grant assistance
4 are being coordinated and invested in support of the planning,
5 implementation, and long-term results of their promise
6 neighborhoods program.

7 12093.1. (a) The Office of Economic Development shall work
8 with the California Health and Human Services Agency and local
9 counties to establish participation goals for the following
10 programs:

11 (1) The Healthy Families program, pursuant to Part 6.2
12 (commencing with Section 12693) of Division 2 of the Insurance
13 Code.

14 (2) CalFresh, pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section
15 18900) of Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

16 (3) The Medi-Cal program, pursuant to Article 1 (commencing
17 with Section 14000) of Chapter 7 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the
18 Welfare and Institutions Code.

19 (4) Other programs as identified by the office.

20 (b) The office shall post participation rates for programs
21 identified in subdivision (a), and explore different methods of
22 increasing participation in those programs, including, but not
23 limited to, a universal application and electronic data sharing.

24 12093.2. (a) The Office of Economic Development shall work
25 with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the California
26 Community Colleges, the California State University, the
27 University of California, the Student Aid Commission, and the
28 California Postsecondary Education Commission to ensure
29 effective implementation of this section.

30 (b) Schools and school districts located in a promise
31 neighborhood shall, to the extent not in conflict with federal law
32 or initiative measure, be granted priority in consideration for the
33 following:

34 (1) The After School Education and Safety Program pursuant
35 to Article 22.5 (commencing with Section 8482) of Chapter 2 of
36 Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code.

37 (2) California Partnership Academies pursuant to Article 5
38 (commencing with Section 54691) of Chapter 9 of Part 20 of
39 Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code.

1 (3) School improvement grants, to the extent that a school within
2 a promise neighborhood is presently low achieving and is eligible
3 for Title 1 funding pursuant to Chapter 70 (commencing with
4 Section 6301) of Title 20 of the United States Code.

5 (4) The Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools
6 Program pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 52053)
7 of Chapter 6.1 of Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education
8 Code.

9 (5) Grants issued pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with
10 Section 88532) of Part 52 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education
11 Code.

12 12093.3. (a) The Office of Economic Development shall work
13 with the Employment Development Department, the California
14 Workforce Investment Board, and the Employment Training Panel
15 to ensure effective implementation of this section.

16 (b) Cities and counties located in a promise neighborhood shall
17 be granted priority in consideration for the following programs
18 and grants:

19 (1) The Employment Training Fund pursuant to Article 6
20 (commencing with Section 1610) of Part 1 of Division 1 of the
21 Unemployment Insurance Code.

22 (2) Workforce development solicitations for proposals.

23 (3) Other programs as identified by the office.

24 12093.4. (a) The Office of Economic Development shall work
25 with the Department of Parks and Recreation to meet the provisions
26 of this section.

27 (b) Cities and counties located in a promise neighborhood shall
28 be granted priority in consideration for state funding for the
29 creation of new parks and recreation activities in underserved
30 communities, to the extent not in conflict with the provisions of an
31 initiative measure or a bond act.

32 12093.5. (a) School districts electing to participate in the
33 California Promise Neighborhoods Initiative shall provide the
34 Office of Economic Development with the following information:

35 (1) Graduation rates.

36 (2) Transition to postsecondary rates.

37 (3) Achievement gap data.

38 (4) Preschool enrollment rates.

39 (b) Cities and counties electing to participate in the initiative
40 shall provide the office with the following information:

- 1 (1) *Health care coverage.*
- 2 (2) *Job growth.*
- 3 (3) *Unemployment.*
- 4 (4) *The housing element of their general plan pursuant to Article*
- 5 *10.6 (commencing with Section 65580) of Chapter 3 of Division*
- 6 *1 of Title 7.*

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